

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph at page 2, lines 2-15, with the following paragraph:

In ~~the~~ light of the above problem, there is a case where a private computer is prepared separately from a computer (hereinafter to be referred to as a "network computer") that is connected to the Internet, for example. Namely, a user uses the private computer for ~~the~~ work that does not require the Internet or for ~~the~~ work that is particularly important, and the user uses the network computer for ~~the~~ work that requires the Internet. In this way, the user differentiates the use of the computers according to the contents of ~~the~~ work and the importance of ~~the~~ work. Further, as an example of this extensive application, there is a case where private computers are connected to an intranet as a network within ~~the~~ an enterprise.

Please REPLACE the paragraph at page 3, lines 20-26, with the following paragraph:

Therefore, in ~~the~~ light of the above problems, it is an object of the present invention to provide a switching device for controlling ~~the~~ switching of a connection between at least one terminal and a plurality of computers, wherein the switching device is capable of preventing an erroneous transfer of data, which is easy to use, and a switching method therefor.